Claims

1. A method of processing at least two target information regions wherein at least one information separates the two target regions within an electronic
5 document, the method comprising the steps of:

a) accepting input to select the target information regions and the information separating region;

b) accepting input to deselect the information separating region; and

10 c) accepting input to process the target information regions.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the target information regions comprise text, and at least two target information regions are separated by at least one information separating region.

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3. The method of claim 2, wherein step (a) comprises the step of storing a first begin select delimiter to the left of a first region and a first end select delimiter to the right of a second target information region in an electronic file.

20 4. The method of claim 3, wherein step (b) comprises the step of accepting input to deselect the information separating region by storing a second end select delimiter to the right of the first target information region, said second end select delimiter corresponding with the first begin select delimiter, and storing a second begin select delimiter to the left of the second target
25 information region, said second begin select delimiter corresponding with the first end select delimiter.

5. The method of claim 1 further comprising step (d) accepting further input to change a number of the target information regions.

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6. The method of claim 1, further comprising step (d) accepting further input to change the content of the target information regions.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic document comprises

5 graphical information.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the target information regions and the information separating region are each designated by a box, each box having two delimiter tags located at opposite corners.

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9. A system for processing at least two target information regions within an electronic document, comprising:

an input interface to accept input to select the target information regions; and

15 a processor unit connected to the input interface, the processor unit processing the target information regions.

10. The system of claim 9, wherein the target information regions comprise noncontiguous textual information.

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11. The system of claim 10, wherein the processor unit stores a begin tag and an end tag for each of the target information regions.

12. The system of claim 11, further comprising an output interface to

25 transmit a display of a region of text selected as one of the target information regions in a different manner than a region of text selected as one of the information separating regions.

13. The system of claim 9, wherein the input unit accepts input from at least one of a keyboard, a speech to text converter, a mouse, a pressure pad and a trackball device.

5   14. The system of claim 9, wherein the input interface receives input for a positional indicator and the processor unit selects information when the positional indicator is moved in a first direction and deselects information when the positional indicator is moved in a second direction.

10   15. The system of claim 9, wherein the electronic document comprises graphical information.

16. A computer readable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for selecting noncontiguous information of an electronic
15   document selectively divided into at least two target information regions and at least one information separating regions, the computer readable program code in the computer useable medium comprising:

    computer readable program code for causing a computer to accept input for selecting the target information regions of the electronic document;
20   computer readable program code for causing a computer to accept further input to deselect the information separating regions; and

    computer readable program code for causing a computer to process the target information regions.

25   17. A system for processing noncontiguous target information within an electronic document, the system comprising:

    input means to accept input for selecting target information regions and deselecting information separating regions; and

    processor means for processing the target information regions, said
30   processor means operatively connected to the input means.

18.   The system of claim 17, wherein the noncontiguous target information is textual information.

5   19.   The system of claim 18, wherein the processor means stores a begin tag and an end tag for each of the target information regions.

20.   The system of claim 19, wherein display means for displaying a region of text selected as one of the target information regions in a different manner 10   than a region of text selected as one of the information separating regions, said display means being operatively connected to the processor means.